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# Yolo County Full-Scale Landfill Bioreactor (EPA Project XL)



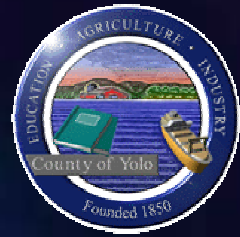
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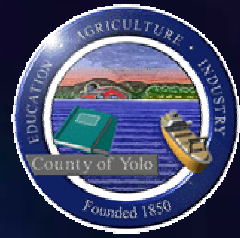


# Presentation Summary

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- Project Objectives and Goals
- Achievements to Date
- Project Results
- Project Challenges
- Conclusions





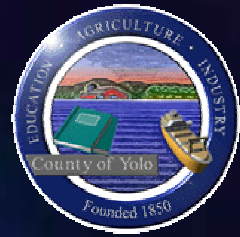
# Project Partners



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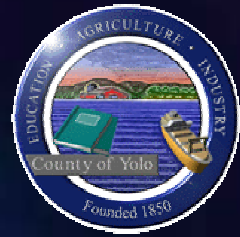
- California Integrated Waste Management Board
- California Energy Commission-PIER
- National Energy Technology Laboratory, U.S. DOE
- Western Regional Biomass Energy Program, U.S. DOE
- Institute for Environmental Management (Tech. Support)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Solid Waste Association of North America
- California State Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- California Air Resources Control Board
- Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
- Yolo County Environmental Health





# Project Objectives

- Demonstrate landfill full-scale operation to accelerate methane generation (anaerobic) and eliminate methane production (aerobic) through liquid addition without significant liquid head build up over the base liner
- Document and provide project technical data to regulatory agencies for permitting an acceptance of full-scale bioreactor operation (EPA project XL)
- Improve methane gas efficiency capture of nearly all methane generated without impact to air quality
- Determine cost benefit ratio for full-scale operation

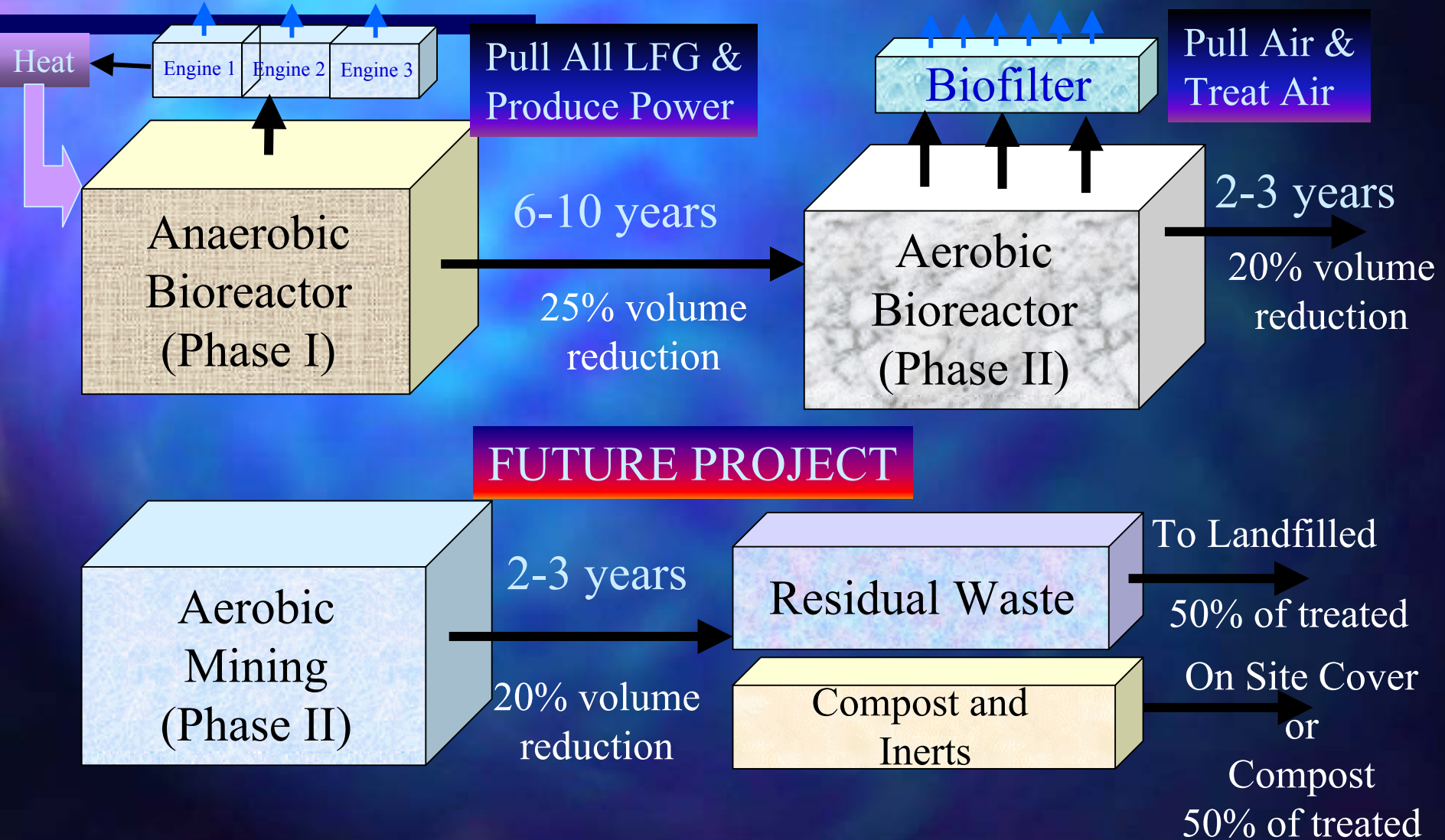


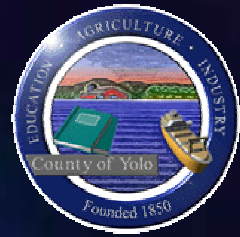
# Project Goals

- Instrument landfill to collect and analyze:
  - Landfill gas volumetric flow, temp., composition
  - Landfill leachate volumes, temp., pH, chemistry
  - Landfill waste temp., moisture content & settlement
  - Measure liquid level above the landfill base liner
  - Parasitic energy use for operation
- Develop mass balance and model leachate and methane gas generation over time
- Develop cost benefit ratio for the project



# Anaerobic & Aerobic Process for Treatment of Waste



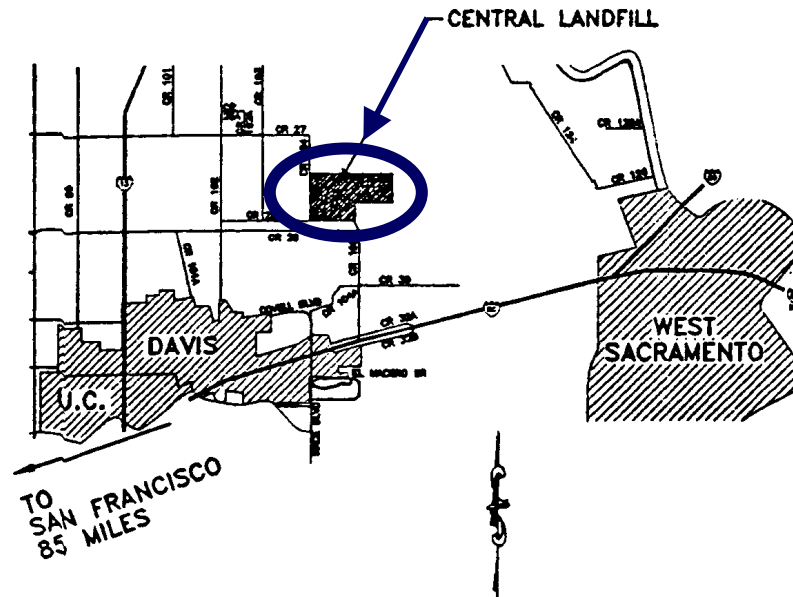


# Project Location Map

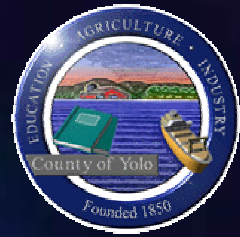
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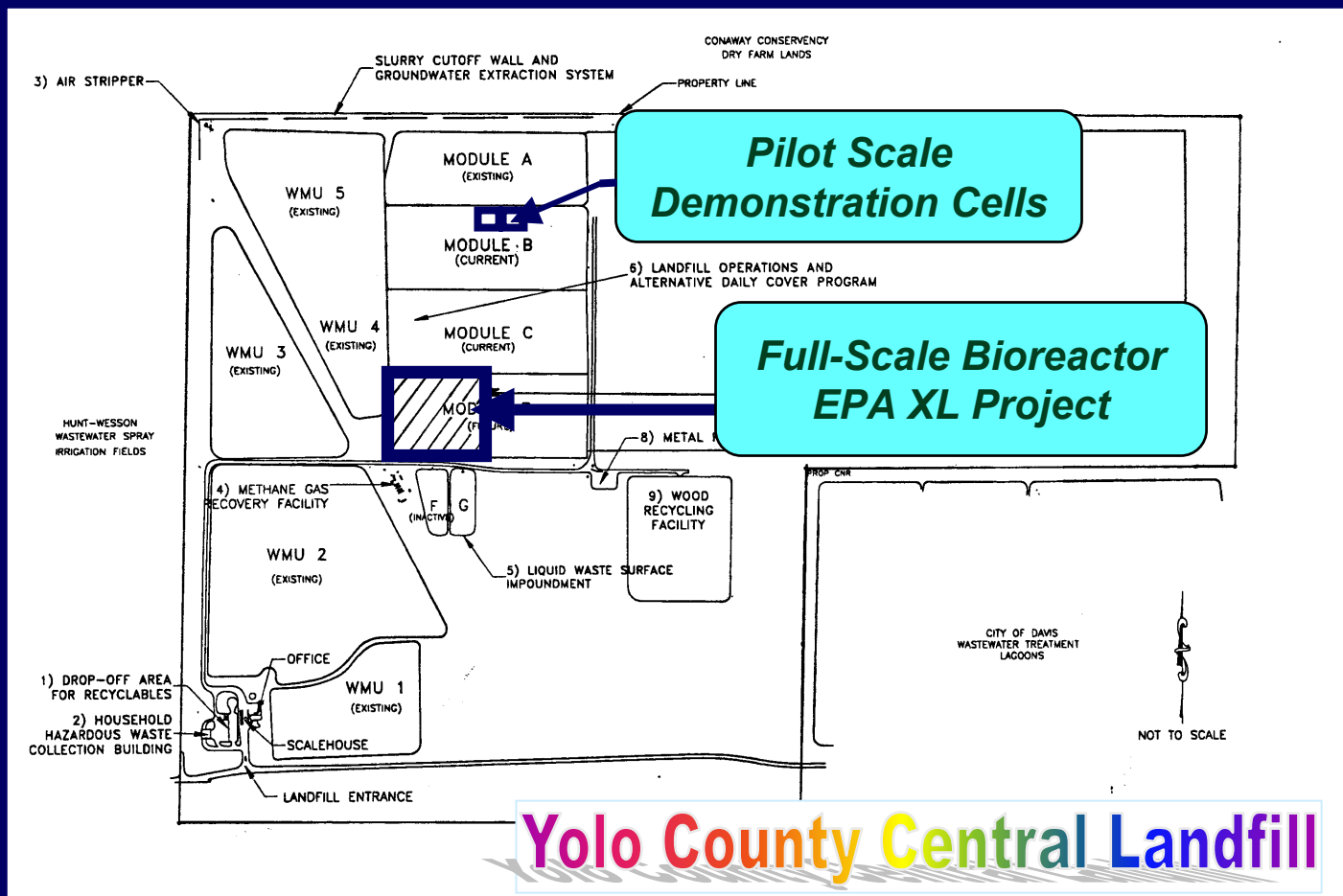
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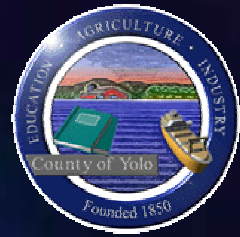






# Project Site Map

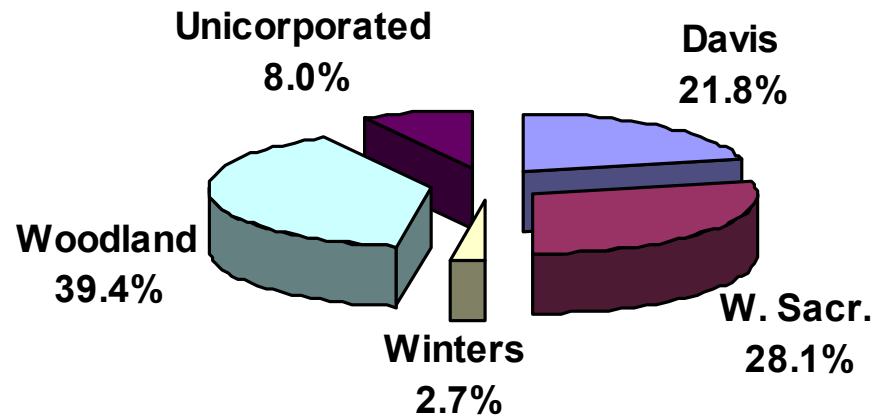


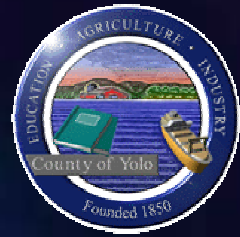


# Project Summary

## Yolo County Waste Percent by Weight

(44% Residential, 42% Commercial, 14% Industrial)





# Full-Scale Project Site Map

**12 Acres**

*Anaerobic  
Cell*  
**6 Acres**

*Anaerobic  
Cell*  
**3.5 Acres**

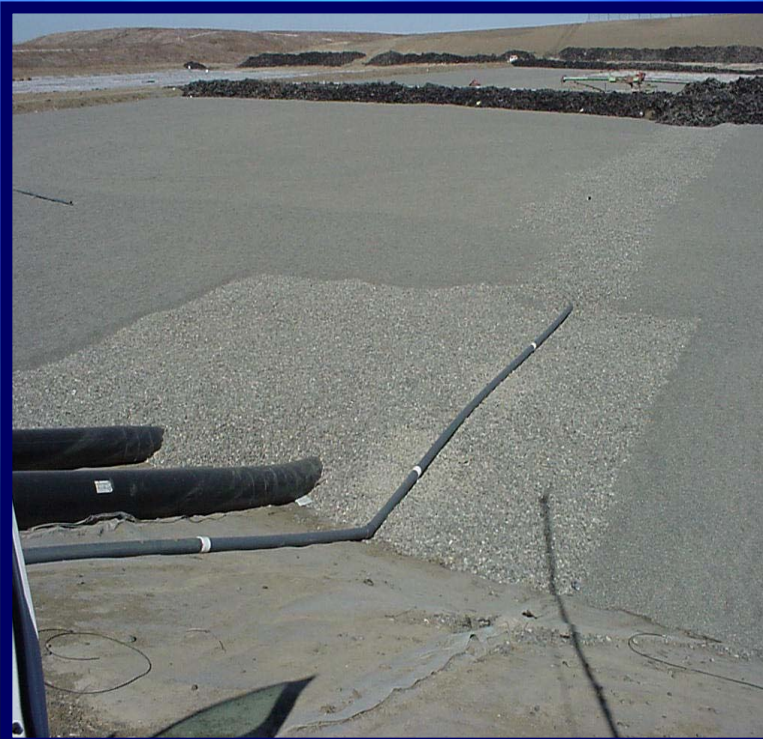
*Aerobic Cell*  
**2.5 Acres**





# Achievements to Date

- Construction of base liner system







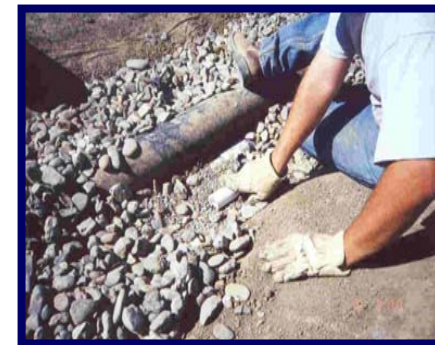
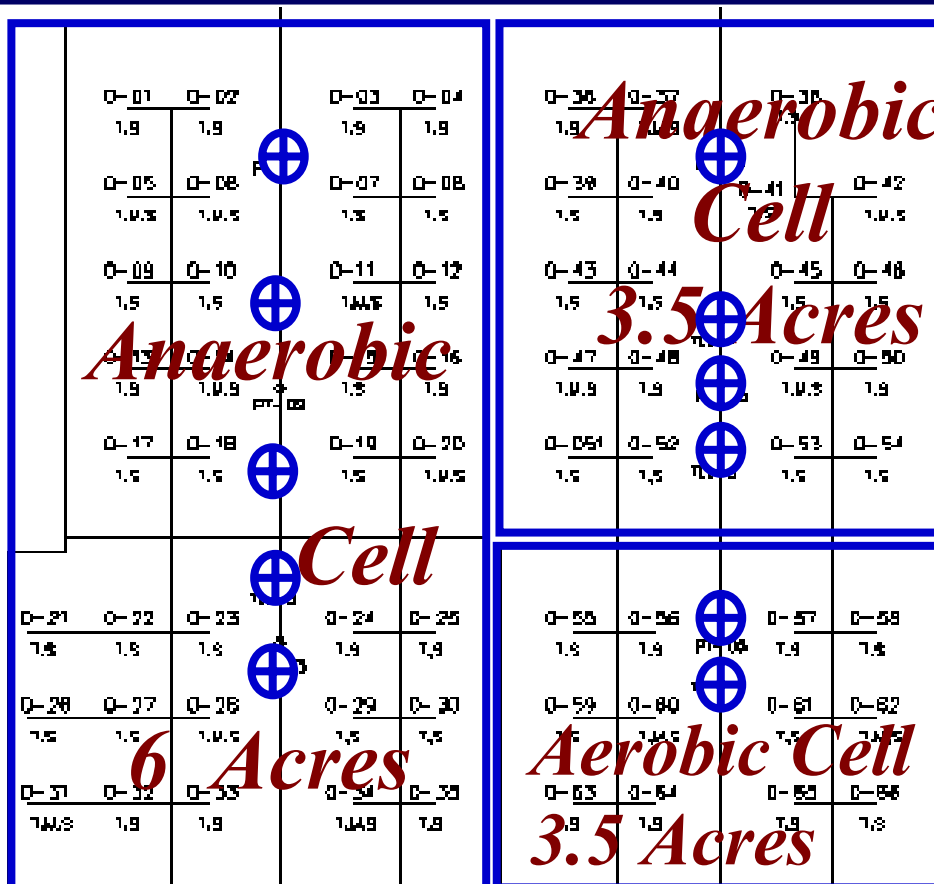
# Achievements to Date

## ■ Construction of landfill waste filling



# Achievements to Date

## •Base Layer Instrumentation



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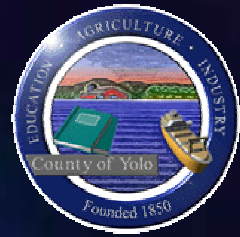
- ⊕ PT = Pressure Transducer
- ⊕ TLL = Trench Liquid Level Tube
- ⊕ T = Temperature Sensor
- ⊕ M = PVC Moisture Sensor
- ⊕ S = Sampling Tubes



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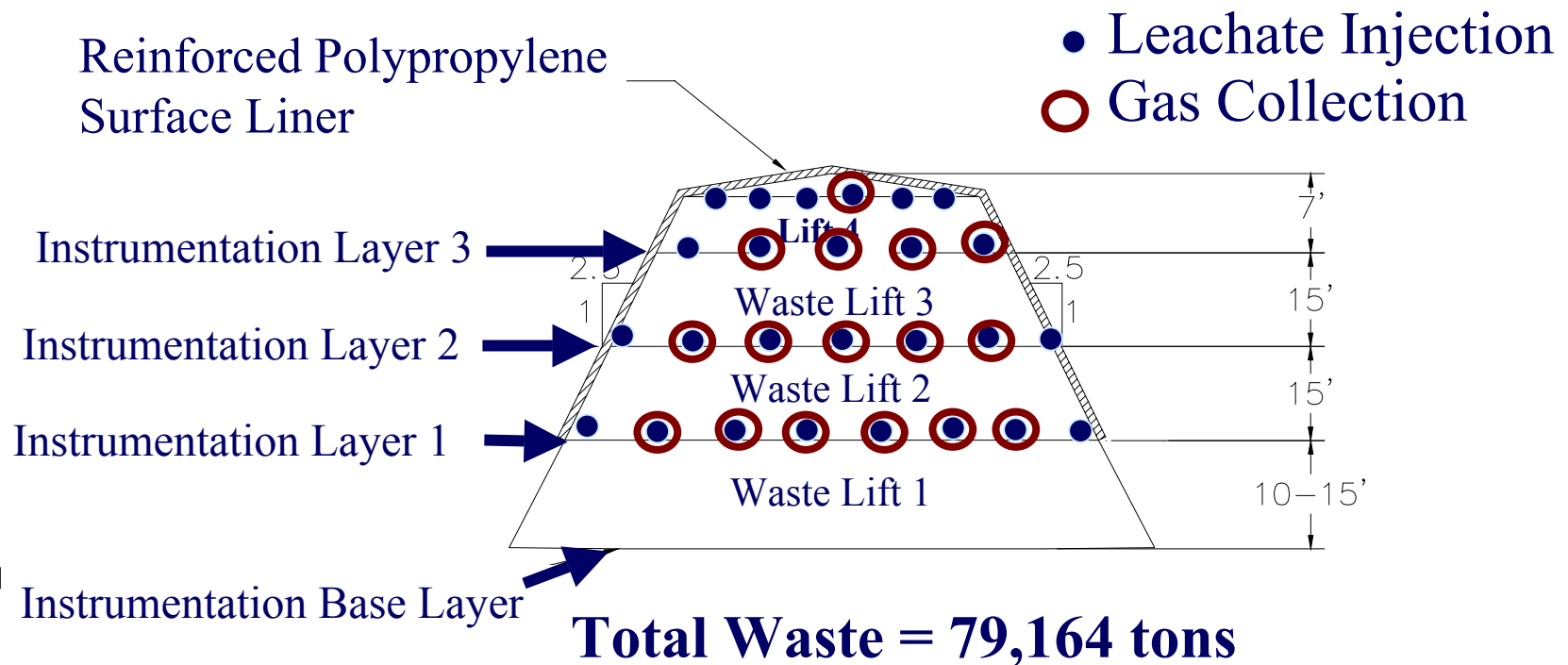
- Construction of the instrumentation system (Temperature, Moisture, Tubes)

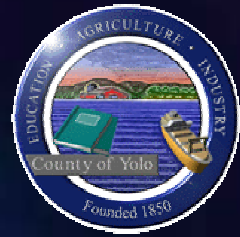




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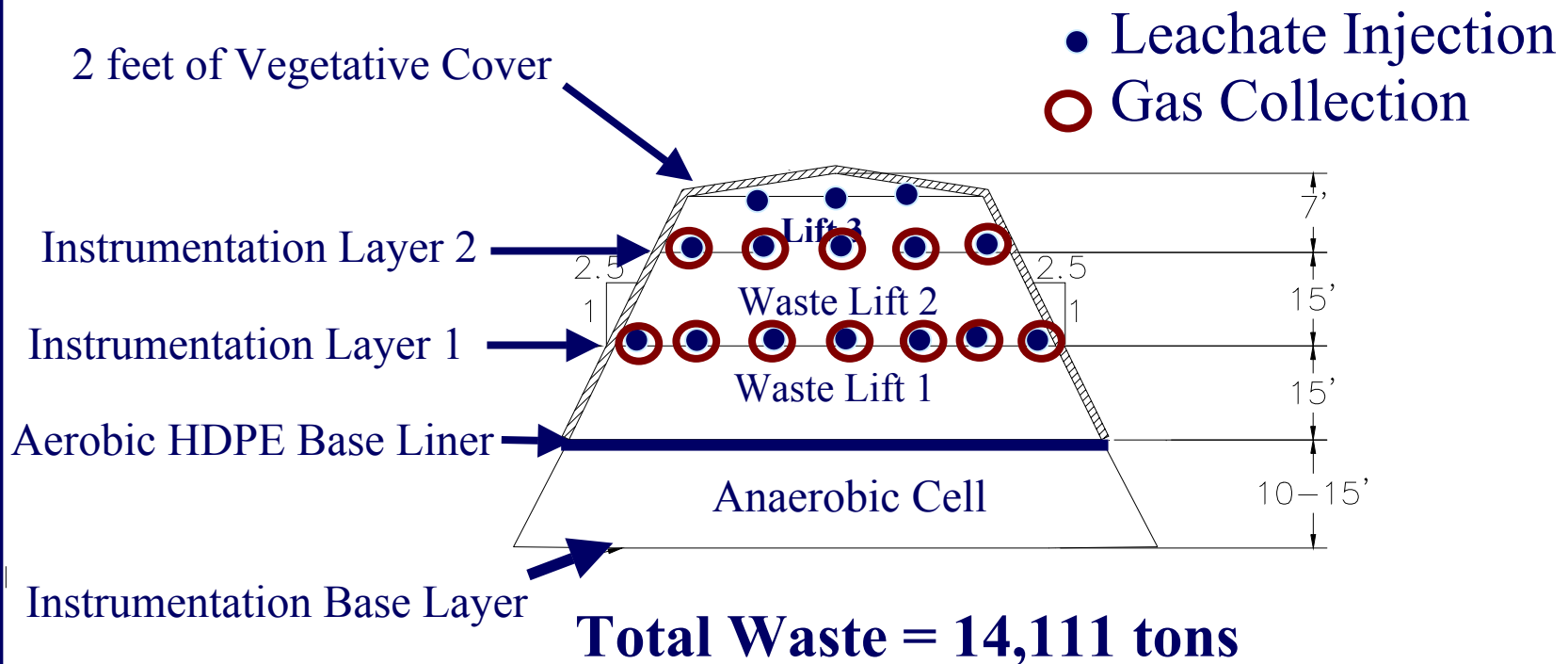
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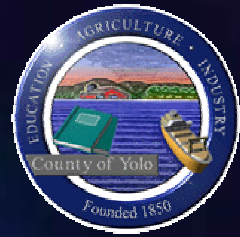


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## ■ Southeast 2.5-acre aerobic cell x-section

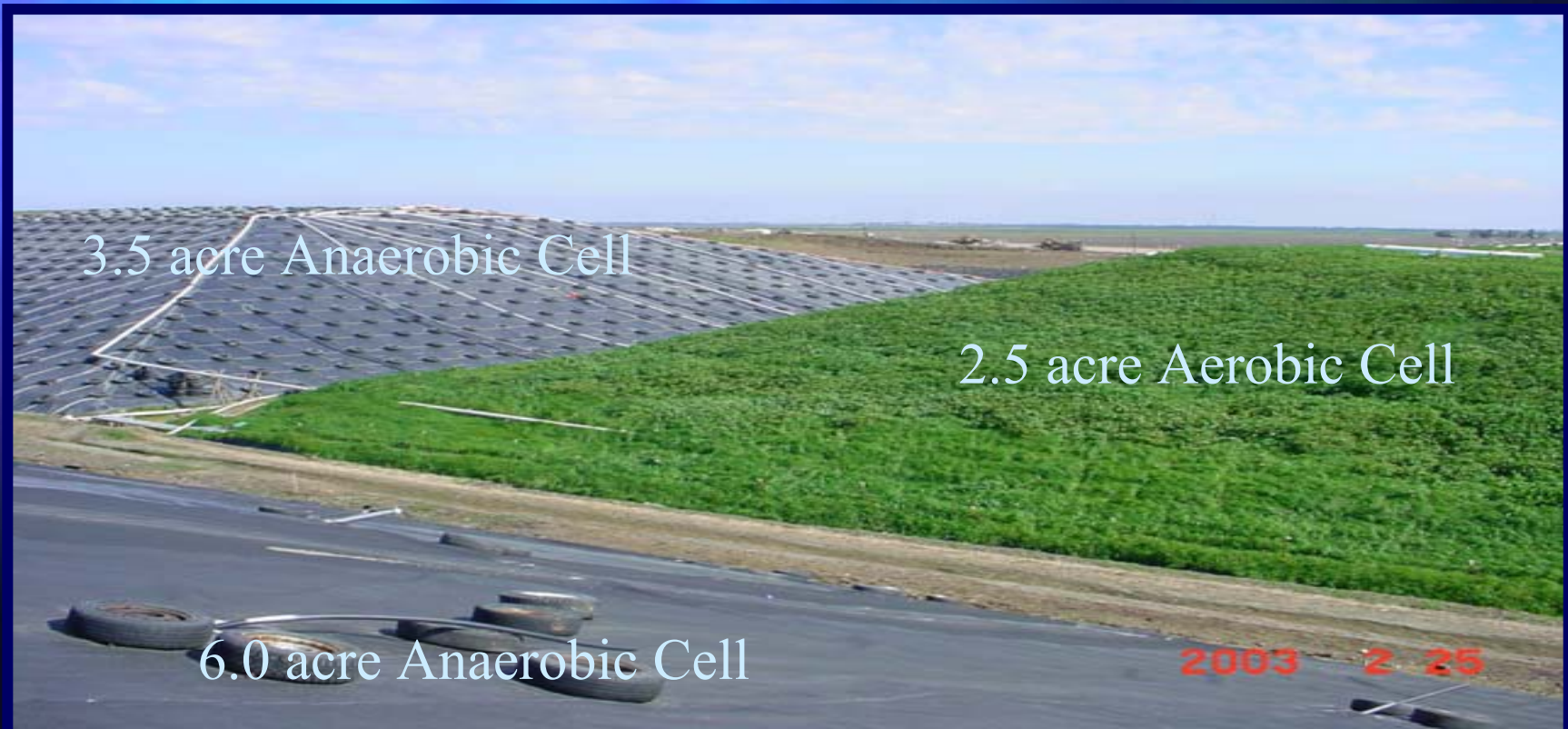


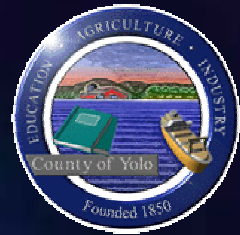




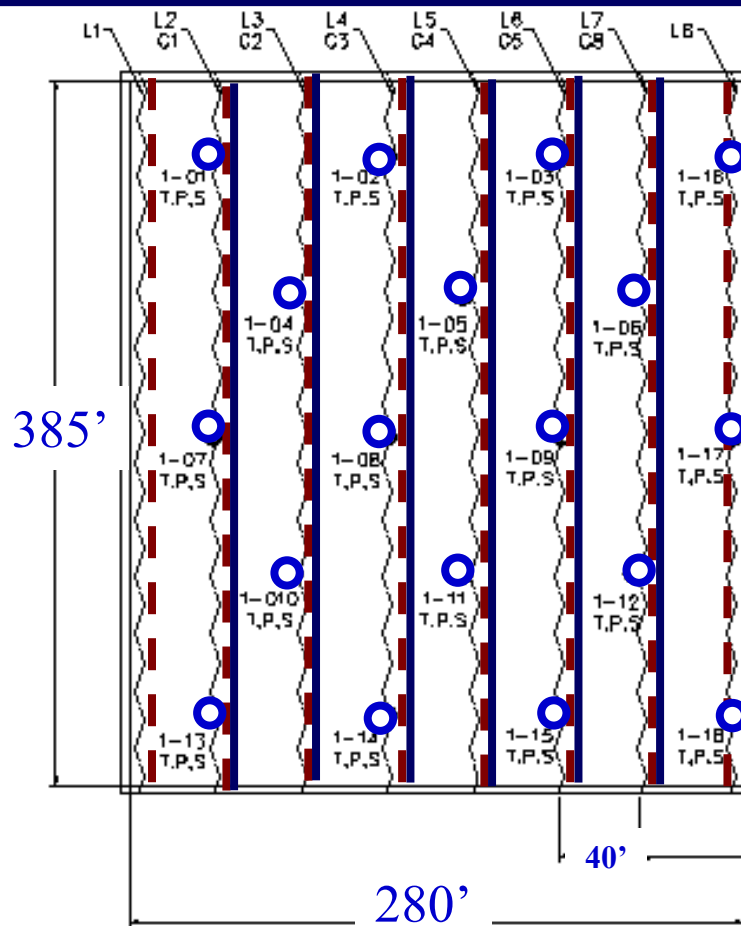
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# Achievements to Date



## Layer 1 - (3.5-acre) Instrumentation, Leachate Injection, and Gas Collection System

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T = Temperature

P = PVC Moisture Sensor

S = Sampling Tubes

G = Gas Collection Line Number on Layer 1

L = Liquid Addition Line Number on Layer 1